

Squaw Valley Half Day Backcountry Tours

Expanding on our success in year one in partnership with Squaw Valley | Alpine Meadows, we are now offering a HALF DAY backcountry ski experience. Our half day groups will access the Tram Ridge Zone as it allows us to quickly and easily access untracked terrain WITHOUT having to use backcountry skis and boots. You can get a taste for backcountry skiing using your everyday resort skis and boots.

Skiers and riders are still expected to wear avalanche beacon and carry a beacon probe and shovel. Alpenglow can provide all these components if needed.

Difficulty:

Introductory to intermediate skiing level required.

Price:

\$425 | \$50 for each additional person.

Location:

Prior to departure each group will meet for a quick meeting at the Alpenglow office. Field sessions will take place in the backcountry near Squaw Valley off the Tram Ridge.

What to Expect:

Depending on fitness level, technical ability and daily conditions skiers and riders can expect to get multiple laps of fresh tracks outside of the ski area boundary. Terrain varies from wide open bowls and widely spaced trees to steep, technical lines that will challenge even the most seasoned skier.

Each morning starts off with a safety meeting with your guide and a gear check to make sure everyone has what they need for the day. Depending on the zone, we'll ride the lifts at Squaw or Alpine before heading out of bounds. Lift access to these zones cuts out a significant portion of approach time, and can be used throughout the day to reduce the ratio of hiking to riding traditionally associated with backcountry skiing.

What to bring:

- Backcountry skis or snowboards. Alpine set up is fine. (For rent at Alpenglow)
- Avalanche transceiver, probe and shovel (can be rented)
- Backpack, 20-35 liters (can be rented)
- Food, water, sunscreen, lip balm



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- Clothing
 - Under layers:
 - lightweight merino wool or synthetic long john top and bottom
 - lightweight merino wool or synthetic t-shirt
 - lightweight merino wool or synthetic briefs/ underwear
 - wool/ synthetic socks
 - Outer layers/ insulation:
 - Soft shell “guide pants”, or hard shell goretex pants, conditions dependent
 - Soft shell jacket
 - Hooded puffy jacket (down or synthetic)
 - Hard shell jacket (waterproof/ breathable)
 - warm beanie
 - lightweight gloves with good dexterity
 - warm, waterproof gloves or mittens
 - Misc:
 - sunglasses
 - goggles
 - camera

Avalanche transceiver, probe and shovel are available from Alpenglow for \$25.

*All programs directed by Logan Talbott
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